



Embassy of the United States of America
Consular Section - Immigrant Visa Unit
Manila, Philippines

MEDICAL EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR
IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS

Under U.S. immigration law, **ALL** applicants for immigrant visas are required to undergo and complete a medical examination, regardless of age. The medical examination findings by a panel physician are binding on the consular officer and used to determine eligibility to receive a visa.

St. Luke's Medical Center Extension Clinic (SLMCEC) is the Embassy's accredited medical facility. It is located at 1177 J. Bocobo St., Ermita, Manila. The telephone numbers are (632) 521-0020 and (632) 521-8647, and it is open for business Monday through Friday (except on Philippine holidays), from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. When you go to SLMCEC for medical examination, you must bring your passport and one photo (size: 2" x 2").

It is important that you must have completed your medical examination when you come to the Embassy for your visa interview. Otherwise, your visa application will be refused or you may be asked to return for another appointment. The medical examination results are delivered directly to the Embassy.

First-Come, First-Served

Applicants are examined on a first-come, first-served basis. Medical examinations may take more than one day to complete. Female applicants may request a female doctor to perform the examination. Unless it is necessary, do not bring companions due to space limitation at the clinic.

Fees

The medical examination fee is **US\$213.35** for adults (15 years of age or older) and **US\$185.35** for children (14 years of age or younger). Repeat X-rays will cost **US\$7** each. **Fees must be paid only in Philippine pesos at the prevailing exchange rate.**

X-Rays

A chest X-ray is not required for children below 15 years old, unless symptoms of tuberculosis (TB) exist, there is a history of TB, or there has been possible exposure of TB with a known case such as a family or household member with TB.

The U.S. Public Health Service/Centers for Disease Control (USPHS/CDC) mandates women who are pregnant to have chest X-ray examinations conducted. Chest X-rays for pregnant women are not dangerous if taken with the proper shielding. Applicants who have previous chest X-rays must bring the results with them to SLMCEC for comparative analysis.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS

U.S. immigration law requires that **ALL** immigrant visa applicants be vaccinated against certain vaccine-preventable diseases before they can be admitted to the United States for permanent residence.

Vaccinations currently required are as follows:

- Mumps
- Measles
- Rubella
- Polio
- Tetanus
- Diphtheria
- Pertussis
- *Haemophilus influenzae Type B*
- Rotavirus
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Meningococcal disease
- Varicella
- Pneumococcal
- Influenza
- Any other vaccinations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices.

Note: *On December 14, 2009, the 2009 Technical Instructions for Panel Physicians for Vaccinations had replaced the 2007 Vaccination Technical Instructions for Panel Physicians. For more information, please [click here](#).*

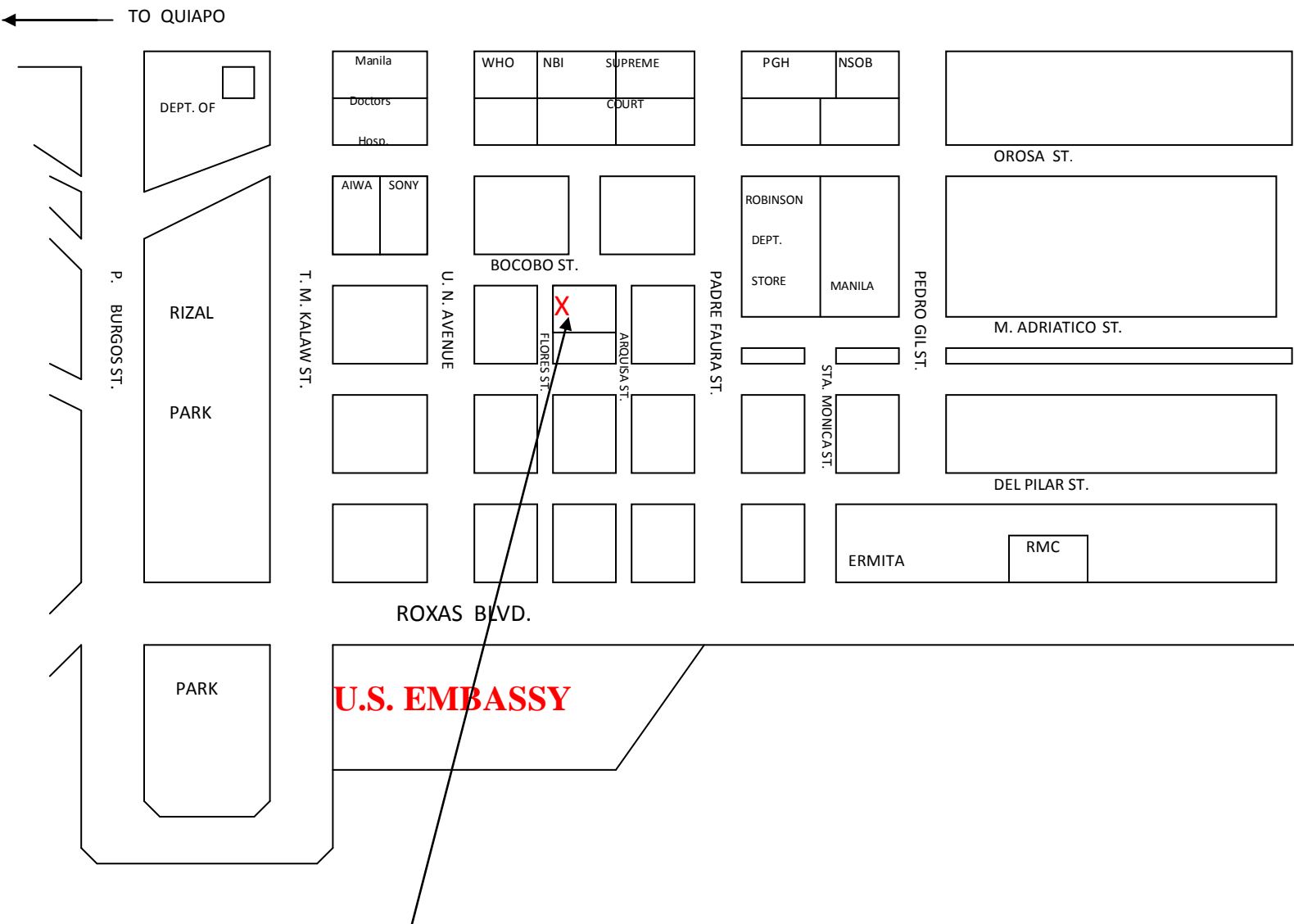
Bring Your Vaccination Records for the Panel Physician's Review

You should bring records to show that you have already received vaccination against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. The panel physician will review the vaccination records and will determine if you meet the vaccination requirement. Only the panel physician can determine which vaccinations are medically appropriate. This could mean that you may be required to repeat doses of vaccines that you have already received. Administering a second dose, however, will not endanger your health.

Vaccination Requirement Waiver

Upon the panel physician's recommendation, a consular officer may authorize a waiver if it is determined that a required vaccination is medically inappropriate because of your age, health condition or medical history. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) may also authorize a waiver if you can establish that compliance with the vaccination requirements would be contrary to your religious beliefs or moral convictions.

MAP TO ST. LUKE'S MEDICAL CENTER EXTENSION CLINIC (SLMCEC)



**St. Luke's Medical Center Extension Clinic
J. Bocobo ST.
Ermita, Manila**

